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¶1. SUMMARY: DEMONSTRATIONS ON THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCCUPATION IN IRAQ ALL AROUND THE WORLD, AND THE DEATH OF THE TWO

REPORTERS FROM AL ARABIYAH SATELLITE NEWS CHANNEL DOMINATED COVERAGE IN ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA. AN EDITORIAL IN "AL KHALEEJ" NOTED HOW THE WHOLE WORLD IS AGAINST U.S. POLICY IN IRAQ. AN "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIAL STATED THAT KILLING JOURNALISTS IS A WAY TO HIDE THE TRUTH. ANOTHER EDITORIAL IN "AL ITTIHAD" COMMENTED ON SECRETARY POWELL'S STATEMENTS ON REFORM AND NOTED THAT THERE IS HOPE TO ACHIEVE REFORM FROM WITHIN. END SUMMARY.

¶12. NOTING THAT THE ISSUE OF TERRORISM SHOULD BE CONTROLLED BY THE UN, ABU DHABI-BASED ARABIC DAILY "AKHBAR AL-ARAB" EDITORIALIZED 03/22:

". THE ONLY WAY FOR THE WORLD TO GET OUT OF THE DILEMMA OF THE 'CONTINUING WAR,' WHICH WASHINGTON WANTS TO KEEP GOING ON, IS BY PLACING THE TERRORISM ISSUE IN THE HANDS OF THE UN. THERE IS NO OTHER SOLUTION, AND THE METHOD WASHINGTON IS IMPLEMENTING HAS PROVEN TO BE A FAILURE, AND IT HAS HAD VERY NEGATIVE RESULTS THAT HAVE INCREASED TERRORISM."

¶13. COMMENTING ON THE DEMONSTRATIONS ALL AROUND THE WORLD ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF "OCCUPYING" IRAQ, SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 03/21:

". THE SIGNS THAT WERE CARRIED BY DEMONSTRATORS AROUND THE WORLD OBJECTING TO THE U.S. OCCUPATION OF IRAQ SUCH AS 'IT'S TIME FOR THE TRUTH,' EXPRESS THE GENERAL WORLD PUBLIC OPINION OF HATRED AND DISAPPROVAL OF THE AMERICAN POLICY, WHICH MAKES IT VERY HARD FOR BUSH'S ADMINISTRATION TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS."

¶14. COMMENTING ON SECRETARY POWELL'S STATEMENT CONCERNING REFORM IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THAT REFORM CAN'T BE IMPOSED FROM THE OUTSIDE, ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 03/21:

". ALL OPINIONS AGREE ON THE ESSENTIALITY OF STARTING ARAB REFORM FROM WITHIN THAT SUITS THE CULTURE AND TRADITIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION. THIS IDEA, WHICH IS ADOPTED BY MANY ARAB LEADERS AND OFFICIALS, IS AN OLD ARAB PUBLIC REQUEST. HOPE FOR ACHIEVING THIS DREAM IS THE NEXT ARAB SUMMIT'S JOB, WILL IT CHOOSE THE ROAD OF REFORM OR POSTPONE IT FOR OTHER UPCOMING SUMMITS?"

¶15. UNDER THE HEADLINE "TARGETING JOURNALISTS.. WAR AGAINST TRUTH," "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 03/20:

". MANY HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS SEE THESE ACTIONS AS PROOF OF TARGETING JOURNALISTS DELIBERATELY AT THE POINTS OF ACTION SO THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO CONVEY THE TRUTH. TO ANSWER THESE ACCUSATIONS, SERIOUS INVESTIGATIONS WITH CLEAR RESULTS SHOULD TAKE PLACE."

¶16. NOTING THE KILLING OF TWO AL ARABIYAH REPORTERS AND THAT THIS CRIME IS TO HIDE THE TRUTH, DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED "AL BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 03/20:

". DEFINITELY, THERE IS SOMEONE WHO IS TRYING TO STOP THE TRUTH FROM BEING REVEALED TO PEOPLE, TRYING TO IMPOSE A SECRET CURTAIN ON ACTIONS, AND IS WORKING HARD TO IMPOSE HIS THOUGHTS ON EVERYONE WITHOUT LEAVING ANY CHOICE OF CHOOSING BETWEEN MORE THAN ONE INFORMATION SOURCE. WHOEVER THINKS THAT THAT HIS BULLETS AND ATTACKS WILL STOP THE TRUTH FROM REACHING TO PEOPLE IS MISTAKEN." WAHBA